

SKI 2011-2012

EARLY SEASON: TAOS OR WOLF CREEK, COLORADO

DEC. 8-12 AIR, LODGING, PASSES, CAR RENTAL: \$599

NEW YEAR'S IN CANADA

Dec. 27 - Jan. 2 AIR, LODGING, PASSES: \$969

FLY TO WINTER PARK, COLORADO

Jan. 19 - 23 AIR, LODGING, PASSES: \$679

A NEW GEM IN FEBRUARY: RED LODGE, MONTANA

Feb. 2 - (Feb. 5 or Feb. 6) AIR, LODGING, PASSES: FROM \$539

HELI-SKI WEEK ALASKA

Feb. 19 - 27 LODGING, FLYING, GUIDES: \$4949

SALT LAKE CITY

Feb. 15 - 19 AIR, LODGING, PASSES: \$T.B.A.

EUROPEAN ALPS: March 2012 OUR 17th ALPS Journey!

SKI WEEKS IN ITALY/FRANCE WITH AIR, 7 NIGHTS LODGING,

DAILY MEALS.. ALL THIS from \$1274!

TELLURIDE, COLORADO.. END OF SEASON BLAST!

April 5 - 9 CHARTER BUS, LODGING,

PASSES... From \$439

GRAND CANYON: FLOAT THE

ENTIRE CANYON

MAY 17 - 25 AIR, 8 DAY FLOAT...\$2,889

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***OUR 27TH YEAR OFFERING SKI TOURS
TO THE BEST RESORTS IN THE WORLD.***





Paolo, European Alpine Guide extraordinaire, manifests the true spirit of Morningstar in the powder last March on our Verbier, Switzerland tour.

Ciao to all our skier and boarder friends. It has been a while since we have ridden together. In fact, it has been too long! We thank you for supporting us last year in what was a very fun season. In looking ahead to the 2011-12 ski season, Skiman's number one goal was economy. We understand the uncertainty out there and the economic mess we hear about daily. But where there is crisis, there is usually opportunity. Skiman had to wait longer than ever to find the opportunities, but it was worth the wait. We have put together a phenomenal roster of trips and they are all fantastic values. In fact, almost every trip is less expensive than last year. Given inflation, that is not an easy task, but again: crisis leads to opportunity. The hotels and even (believe it or not!) the airlines are very accommodating to groups and have bent over backwards to work with us in our quest to put some screaming deals on your plate. We have done our best. We are confident we are offering you fun tours to awesome resorts at terrific prices. We hope you agree and join us on the slopes.

**We have found great deals, some even with meals!
Time for you to delve into the tours of 2012!**

TAOS, NM (or Wolf Creek, CO)

Dec. 8-12 This is a NO-RISK early season trip. We fly to Albuquerque. If Taos has good early snow, we do Taos, one of the best in the west. If it does not, we still fly to ABQ and simply drive 1.5 hours past Taos to Wolf Creek, which almost always has good early snow. If neither come through, you lose no money. Call now so we can get your air locked in before the price goes up. The price is based on current air price which is very low. When we have the minimum needed for the trip to go (10) we will purchase the air. If the air cost is higher at time of purchase, it will increase the tour cost accordingly. Also, we are INCLUDING IN THE COST rental of 4x4 SUVs. This type of vehicle costs more than standard cars, but it is the only way to go when it comes to Wolf Creek, which is our likely destination. NOT INCLUDED *Gas for the vehicles which will be split at the end of the tour. *Possible extra fee IF we need ski racks, but this is unlikely. *Increased vehicle rental cost per person if the numbers of participants does not fill all spots. Cost

of empty seats will slightly effect the cost of the tour.

Four nights lodging in Wolf or Taos, 2 ski passes (added day optional), air.. **\$599**
Deposit \$200 now to purchase air.

Christmas/ New Year's Tour to British Columbia, Canada. Dec. 27 - Jan. 2

We are headed to the powder stash of Whitewater Ski Resort, a few miles from our home base of Nelson, B.C. The details have been out on this tour since June; details and a newsletter about this trip are on our site: www.morningstarski.com. We always look for uncrowded resorts a bit farther away from large population centers for our New Year's tours and Whitewater is exactly that. Doubled in size by an opening up of the back side of the resort, it will offer plenty of skiing for our 5 day tour. We will also do a day trip to Red Mountain, a Morningstar favorite. NEWS FLASH: WE ARE NOW FLYING OUT OF TUCSON! Originally, the air for this trip was based out of Phoenix due to the very high air fare from Tucson. However, the airlines re-

duced the Tucson fare substantially and we are now flying straight out of Tucson! The cost of the airfare was \$50 more, but we were going to have to charter a bus to take the Tucson skiers to Phoenix. The cost of that charter would have been around \$50, so it was a wash. So for Tucson skiers, you will be flying into and out of home! For Phoenix skiers, we will still fly you out of Phoenix and will meet you in the Spokane airport. Our new carrier, Frontier Airlines, also has a very good offer concerning luggage.. We can block our group air so that 2 BAGS are included for \$60 round trip. For skiers, this is a blessing as we have a bit of gear. The fees at the gate would be \$80 for two bags, so we are saving \$20 by buying this offer in advance. So, here is the math on the final gig. The trip price base cost will INCREASE by \$110, but the real net increase will be \$40.. By flying out of Tucson, we eliminate the \$50 per person cost of the charter bus. By paying \$20 up front, we eliminate luggage fees at the counter. The trip has improved immeasurably for our Tucson flyers and has not changed for our

Phoenix flyers. If you have questions on this change, give us a call and we will be happy to explain. WE HAVE ONLY 8 TUCSON SEATS LEFT! After that, we are sure the price will increase dramatically. Grab one of those seats if you want in on the deal. We must have a \$200 deposit in by September 27, 2011. We have a NEW second deposit of \$300 that must be in by October 27. One of the conditions of the new air is an earlier final payment date. But that is a small price to pay for being able to not have to drive to Phoenix.

This trip to Whitewater is going to be a hoot! It is a chance to spend a week in Canada, away from the lemming-filled major ski resorts... a chance for a grand international adventure for under a grand. 8 SEATS LEFT. WANT ONE?



Kenny from Reno, a.k.a. YELLOWMAN!, enjoying a strange beverage in Verbier. "Join Morningstar on a tour this year. It will make you cool.... Just like me!"



JANUARY FLIGHT TRIP FOR A STEAL! Winter Park, Colorado...

*Non-stop air
from TUCSON
WITH NO EXTRA
BAGGAGE
FEES!!!!, 4 nights
in great condos, lift
passes... an UNBE-
LIEVABLE \$679!
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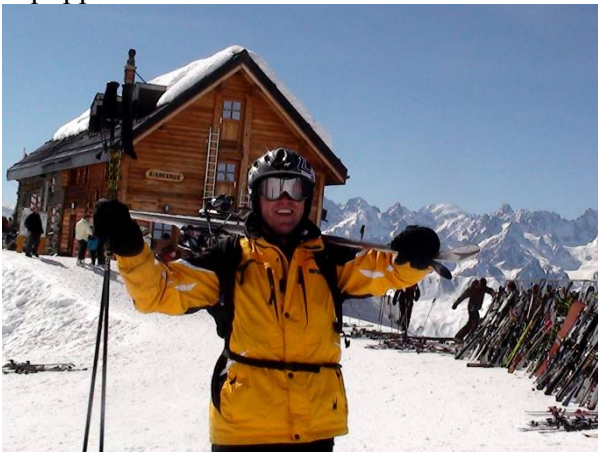
OK, did we score or what! This fantastic deal fell into place in the last week of August. When Skiman got the final word on pricing, he was stunned. It is going to be a bargain trip to a great resort!

Air, passes, and 4 nights in nice condos from **\$679*** / **\$639*** Seniors.... It is a steal. Winter Park/Mary Jane is just a fantastic resort. We have done trips there in the past and absolutely love everything about the place. The skiing is varied for all and has expanded since our last visit. The town is funky and fun. The condos are the same we used the last time and are perfect. Located a short walk from the town of Winter Park and a short shuttle bus ride from the ski resort, these fully equipped condos

have everything you need for a perfect 4 day getaway. Of course, they have full kitchens, so if you want to save some money, you can do your own meals in house. So, here is what you get: Air from Tucson, 2 bags included, 2 day lift pass (extra days optional, @ \$52/day, @\$42/day seniors), 4 nights in condos.

Flying from another city? No problem. We can arrange flights for you into Denver to mesh with your group and work out the cost for you.

JOIN US AT THE JANE!



*Condos: We are using two and three bedroom condos. The base cost in 3 bedroom condos is \$679/ \$639 seniors. The base cost for 2 bedroom units is +\$25 per person more for the entire tour. We have limited numbers of 3 bedroom units, so first come/ first served. Each bedroom has a private bath. If you want single occupancy, the added cost is \$159 in a 3 bedroom unit

and \$169 in a 2 bedroom unit.

NOT INCLUDED: - Transportation to/from Denver airport: Depending on the size of the final group, we will either rent vehicles in Denver and split the rental costs and gas costs between the group, or we will charter a bus company for the move. We will use whichever mode is the most economical. -Air taxes are not included, which currently are @ \$34, subject to change.

DEPOSIT: To hold air seats in our block, we MUST HAVE A \$150 DEPOSIT IN BY NOVEMBER 20, 2011. SECOND DEPOSIT of \$150 must be in by December 15, 2011. This is a firm deadline from the airline for the final purchase

of the tickets. The final payment will be due in the first week of January.

What to do: We have a limited number of seats. This is a great deal on an air trip to a cool resort. Get your \$150 deposit in as soon as possible. November 20 is a firm deadline, so ponder, decide, and act!

**WINTER
PARK:
AIR,
CONDO,
PASSES
BAG FEES
\$679
That is a
DEAL!**

*Slava enjoying a great Alps day last March...
Lynn loving Krakow, Poland...Some of last year's
Paris crew on a bike tour.*

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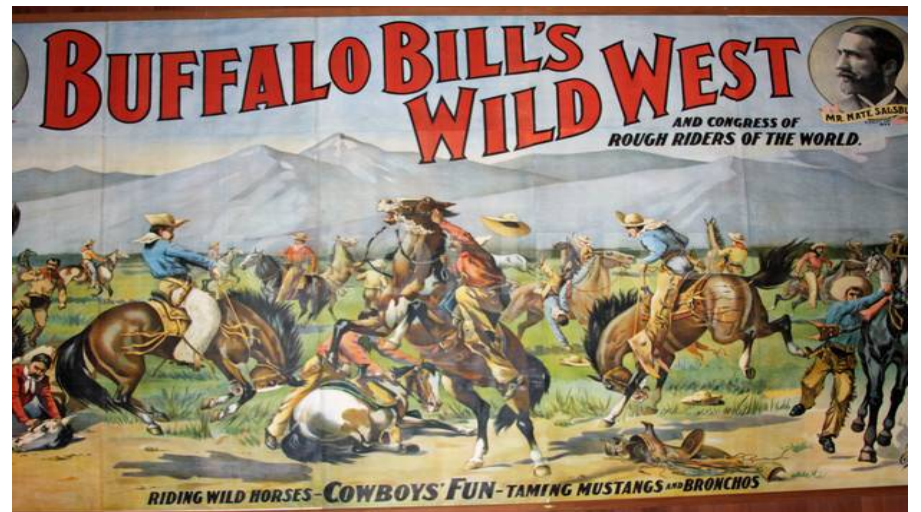
Early February Flight Trip to a HIDDEN GEM: RED LODGE, MONTANA. February 2 thru 5 or 6. Make this a 3 day/night trip or a 4 day/night tour. Fly from Phoenix or Tucson. Stay in a 4 star luxury historic hotel or a 3 star hotel. AIR, LODGING, LIFT PASSES

from \$539 to \$739!

None of us has ever skied it. It is off about everyone's radar screen. It is far from cities. It has 2,400 vertical feet. Funky old-west town...Perfect! We are all over this resort!

When Skiman started to check out Red Lodge last May, he got very excited. It has everything we look for in alternative resorts. All we needed was a good airfare to Montana to make it happen, but that is not an easy thing to pull off. Well, bottom line is we did and we are going to Red Lodge! There are multiple options so that this tour can be customized to your needs. It is far too complicated to go into in this short space, so go to www.morningstarskitours.com and go to the Red Lodge page. Click on the newsletter on the right for all the details. DEPOSIT: \$200 in by November 2, 2012 to hold air space. (Phoenix option flyers, your deposit is more. Read the newsletter and contact us.)

We are very excited to visit this brand new resort for us and hope you are as well. Read the Red Lodge newsletter on site for all the details and deposit soon!



We are EXCITED about discovering Red Lodge. 2,400 vert mountain, cool funky western town, day trip to Cody, Wyoming with a visit to the awesome Buffalo Bill Museum. This trip shall rock!

**Annual Salt
Lake ski tour,
Feb. 15-19**

Salt Lake offers some of the best skiing in the west and what is especially nice is you can ski a different resort every day. Skiman has been skiing this region with groups for over 40 years and knows it well. He will put together a perfect plan to maximize your stay. We will be offering a 4 night package but you can shorten or lengthen it to suit your needs. We will be locking this trip in at a later date. We are waiting for better air prices and do not want to commit at this time. Stay tuned.



**HAINES, ALASKA HELI SKI
WEEK, THE ULTIMATE IN**

SKIING....\$4,949 February 19-27, 2012
8 nights lodging (2 in Juneau, 6 in Haines), round trip ferry Juneau to Haines, flying and guided skiing for up to 6 days, NOT included: air to Juneau. For experts who want to spend a week skiing the best there is, this is it! We have done this tour the past three seasons and it has been stupendous, some of the best skiing in Skiman's 44 years of skiing! Untracked powder, mountain goats, and views. You are skiing looking down on the ocean! **DO OVER!** Being in Alaska is wonderful, but skiing there as well is beyond description. Best part: this heli ski week costs **HALF AS MUCH** as a Canadian heliweek! You must be a strong skier to participate. **WE CAN TAKE 12 SKIERS** max so contact us immediately if interested.



The views, looking down on the ocean... The untracked powder EVERY run... 3 and 4 thousand vertical feet EVERY run. Alaska Heli is insane!

Backcountry in Italy is stunningly good!



Italian Heli-tracks at base of Mt. Blanc.. We are going Back!

**EUROPEAN ALPS 2012... OUR
18TH EURO ADVENTURE!**

OVER 3,000 HAVE JOINED US. YOU CAN TOO! MARCH 2012

Week 1: Montgenevre, France, staying in Claviere, Italy. Part of the massive Sestriere Italy Milky Way ski complex.

Week 2: La Thuile, Italy, at the base of Mt. Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe. Luxury 4 star plus spa hotel.

SKI WEEKS INCLUDE: Air on Alitalia from East Coast (add ons easily done from any U.S. city), 7 nights lodging in wonderful Italian hotels, DAILY breakfast and 5 course dinner...

from **\$1274!**

Pre-Trip **Rome / 3 nights \$539**

Post trip **5 nights in Sorrento/**

Pompeii/ Positano/ Amalfi \$899

See following page

Hands down, our trips to Europe over the past 17 years have been the most fun ones of our lives. Lynn and I have fallen in love with the Alps and the beautiful historic cities. It has enriched us in every conceivable way. Skiing the backcountry of the Alps with Alpine guides has redefined what skiing is for Skiman. Taking over 3,000 of our friends across the pond to experience one of the absolute highlights of our lives and we thank each and every one of you who have made it all possible. Every year, our Europe trip is the most memorable and most fun one of the season. The majestic Alps, the unbelievable food and wine, the cultures, the people, the history, the buildings.... Well, you get the point. Last year's tours to Switzerland and France were no exception to the "too much fun" rule. Even in a year where the snow in the Alps was not the greatest, we still had a ball. Our pre-trip to Paris and our post-trip to Krakow, Poland were fabulous. There are just too many highlights to spell out here.

For our 18th Euro-journey, our goal was two-fold: find great resorts at a bargain price. It was not the easiest task this year, but after endless hours, we have succeeded in putting together two great ski weeks to world-class resorts for **THE LOWEST PRICE WE HAVE OFFERED TO EUROPE IN OVER 10 YEARS!** Consider that you are getting air to and from Europe, great lodging for 7 nights and your meals are included for a base of \$1274! This is **LESS** than just about any ski week in the Rockies and it is in the Alps! If you have been, you know how awesome the skiing is in the Alps. If you have not been, do yourself a favor and find out for yourself. We honestly do not know if we will **EVER** be able to offer a week in Europe for \$1274 again. **ALL OF THE DETAILS ABOUT THESE TOURS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE. On the Europe page, you will find the Europe newsletter on the right side of the page. WE NEED A FIRST DEPOSIT BY OCTOBER 31, 2012.**

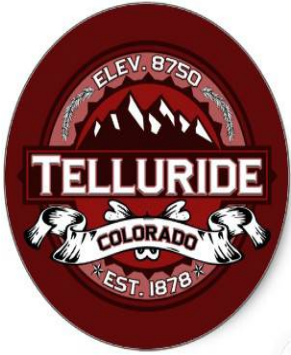
Almost everyone loves Europe skiing and we are confident you will too. Put yourself on a peak in the Alps, glass in hand, taking in the beauty and the vino. If you have always wanted to ski the Alps, if not now, when?

Isle of Capri, Mt. Vesuvius, Bay of Napoli, all a part of our Sorrento extension in March 2012... The Wedding Cake building in Rome, our pre-trip in March 2012... Our hotel in La Thuile, 4 star all the way!



Our Sorrento/ Amalfi Coast / Positano five night extension tour with visits to Pompeii and Capri as options will have you falling in love with the Bay of Napoli. The history, the sea, the food, the people, and, of-course, the wine will make it unforgettable.

The Isle of Capri, summer home to many Emperors... The Bay of Napoli with Vesuvius rising above... Lynn on the beach of Positano, one of the most beautiful villages in the region. Our Sorrento extension will be a great way to end a wonderful Alps ski vacation.



End of season perennial favorite: Telluride, Colorado, April 5-9 (am). Charter bus, 3 nights slopeside lodging, 3 day lift pass.. from \$439... What a great way to end the season. The Ride provides: powder, that is! Almost every year, Telluride gets pounded with snow on this week-end. Just ask anyone who has gone with us and they will confirm this. The historic Victorian town is quaint and fun. We will stay literally a 1 minute walk to the lifts and a 3 minute walk to downtown. The annual street fair will be going on Friday night. That is always interesting! INCLUDED: Charter video equipped bus, 3 nights lodging, 3 days lift passes.

COSTS: 4 people Viking Condo: \$439 / 2 people hotel room: add +29 Single occupancy: add +178 Deposit of \$125 due by early February. This trip always sells out so don't wait too long to lock in your spot. First 56 depositors go. After that, no more. **Keep in mind: a lift pass alone at Tride is \$96/ day. This trip is a GREAT VALUE!**



GRAND CANYON 8 DAY FLOAT TRIP THRU THE ENTIRE CANYON! May 17-25, 2012

We have offered many float trips over the years and have done every major river in the Southwest. We have loved them all. But the grand daddy of them all, the Grand Canyon, has eluded us so far. It used to be prohibitively expensive and reservations were hard to come by for groups. But the recent downturn in things economic has created the window we have been waiting for for years. We are going for it. We are going in, all or nothing. This is our year to do this once-in-a-lifetime river trip. We are excited beyond words and are hopeful we can find 12 like-minded dreamers who want to join us. The best time to do this journey is either May or September/ early October. The canyon gets very hot in summer. May should be perfect.

Logistics: Fly to Las Vegas morning of May 17. Pick up by outfitter, transport to put-in point, Marble Canyon, AZ. Overnight at lodge. May 18-25 on the river. EVERYTHING is included on this portion: all meals, camping gear (including tents). It is all taken care of. We will be using motorized rafts that have quiet 4 stoke motors. There are many sections where the motors will not be used. Generally, we prefer oar trips, but to do the entire length of the Grand Canyon by oar would take 3 weeks, which is too long for most people. So, we are making an exception for the sake of expediency. Also, the motorized rafts will afford more time for day hikes along the way. On May 25, we end up in Las Vegas airport in the late afternoon. You can choose to stay an extra night or two or you can get showered up at an airport gym for a small fee and jump on a plane home that evening.

What is included: *The base air to Las Vegas. A set amount has been allocated for this in the trip price. If your air fare is over this amount, your trip cost will increase by this amount. *Transport to Marble Canyon, AZ for pre-float lodging night. *Double occupancy Marble Canyon Lodge first night (single occ. Add \$49).

*The rafting portion of the journey in the canyon. Everything included: guides, meals, gear, fun! *Transport back to Las Vegas end of trip.

What is NOT included: Air taxes of @\$25 tba at final, river park fee of @\$12 tba at final.

COST: \$2,889 per person. Single occ at Marble Canyon add +49.

DEPOSIT: A \$300 deposit is needed NOW to reserve space. WE ONLY HAVE SPACE FOR 12 PEOPLE. The first 12 deposited people get on the trip.

Please call Skiman with questions. I have done a lot of river trips and am confident I can answer anything you can throw at me!

This is going to be a dream, guys. If you have the desire, the time, and the funds, now is your moment of opportunity.

****“Our Grand Canyon outfitter is Moki Mac River Expeditions – an authorized Grand Canyon concessionaire”**

Well, there you have it. Skiman has done his best to find the deals. I honestly can say I could not have worked harder to get them. Morningstar is at the beginning of our 27th year. None of it would have been possible without our skier family. We cannot say what the news will be in 2012. Everything seems to be crazier and crazier! But we are not gonna wait for the economy to get “normal”. Who knows when that will be?! Our mission is to pursue our passion, which is riding in the mountains we love, no matter where in the world we happen to find them. In the spirit of continuing our dream, we invite you to join us on the quest. We love our skiers and very much look forward to seeing you all on at least one tour this year. Cheers! Skiman